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President's Message



Dr. James McMichael
Acting President

This is a time of change for DAU. Not only are we being impacted by sequestration, we are also experiencing regional leadership changes. Former deans, Andy Zaleski, West Region, and Jim McCullough, South Region, both have left DAU for well-deserved retirements. During their tenures, they've [played active roles](#) in transitioning the university into a premiere, internationally recognized corporate university.

"In any organization there's a time when you need new people and new ideas," McCullough said in [an interview](#) with the *Redstone Rocket*. "It's good to have someone new come in and look at things from a different vantage point. New leadership can look at ways to improve an organization and continue to move it forward."

Moving forward, I am pleased to announce Mark Lumb as the new dean of the DAU South Region. Lumb joined DAU in 2002 and has been the chairman of the DAU South Region Acquisition Program Management Department from 2008 to 2013. The search is still underway for a permanent dean of the DAU West Region.

Better Buying Power Updates

Pentagon Releases Acquisition Report

The [report](#) on the Performance of the Defense Acquisition System is an effort to assess how DoD delivers products to warfighters, how performance is changing, and to better understand how to improve the performance of the Defense Acquisition System. It also provides a broad perspective, which should inform and enable stable improvement in overall acquisition performance.

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People at Center of Defense Acquisition Process

In line with a new key focus area, improving the professionalism of the total acquisition workforce, USD(AT&L) Frank Kendall explains how BBP 2.0 guidelines came to fruition through discussions with the Defense Acquisition Workforce.

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Assistant Secretary of Defense for Acquisition Katrina McFarland said the Defense Acquisition Workforce is the core of DoD's BBP 2.0 acquisition program. She stated, "Our people want, and the department needs, a professionalized workforce with the tools and training needed to be successful."

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What's New

DAU Wins ICF Prism Award for Coaching Excellence

DAU received this year's regional (DC-Metro area) International Coach Federation (ICF) Prism Award recognizing excellence and achievement in organizational coaching. As the regional winner, DAU will compete for the ICF Global Prism Award later this year.

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DAU in Afghanistan

DAU, alongside other DoD organizations, recently partnered with Afghanistan's national security forces to open the Center for Acquisitions & Procurement in Kabul.

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Learning Assets

New Technical Data Management Training Modules

A suite containing eight Web-based continuous learning modules of interdisciplinary technical data management are now available for student registration. Learn more about the modules and how to obtain CLUs from a recent [blog post](#).

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DAG Chapter 3 Revisions

Updates to the Defense Acquisition Guidebook (DAG) Chapter 3, Affordability & Life Cycle Resource Estimates, were released to provide basic procedures in the consideration of affordability in the acquisition process.

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Awards & Recognition



2013 Acker Award

The DAU Alumni Association presented the 2013 David D. Acker "Skill In Communication" Award to [USD\(AT&L\) Frank Kendall](#). The Acker Award is presented annually to an individual who has promoted and communicated acquisition management and leadership excellence to the acquisition workforce.

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